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PIONEER VILLAGE
ANTIQUE TRACTOR SHOW

**Feature: Trees, The Unrecognized
Farm Resource**



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TREES, THE UNRECOGNIZED FARM RESOURCE

Trees: they could be a gift, but in the wrong place they were often a menace to the farmer in early Indiana agricultural history. Trees give us shade. They give us a limb on which to hang a swing for our children to play. They play an important role in the greening of our world. But most important, they give us wood and wood has played and is playing a humble but noble role for our great state and nation.

The 2008 Great Indiana State Fair is featuring the “Year of the Tree”. Likewise, trees will be featured in Pioneer Village, the Antique Tractor Show and the Farmers Day Parade.

It won't be easy, but use your ingenuity to tie your beloved tractor, and its history, to this role in our agriculture heritage. Tell how your venerable machine spent a good share of its younger days helping clear up new ground, pulling scrub trees out of the fence rows, rooting out stumps, shoring up hills, and otherwise turning a veritable Garden of Eden of our natural world into an actual Garden of Eden that revolutionized the world of food production. Tell or show how wood played an important part in the early development of our farm tools, machines, and machinery. As explained later, there will be an award to the exhibitor who does the best job of portraying the good things about trees in Indiana. “Who knows, maybe someone will even have a tree growing out of his or her tractor?”

A NEW LOOK AROUND THE VILLAGE

2008 ushers in a different look around Pioneer Village. “The Normandy Barn” is now located on the lot directly west of the main tractor tent. And, the lot just west of our main building which used to be occupied by Klene Pipe Structures, Inc., has now been assigned to us. This gives us an opportunity to exhibit more tractors and to arrange them in different ways to better showcase them. We realize that it may, in some cases, result in separating tractors owned by the same people or family, or it may necessitate putting your tractor outside when you wanted it inside or vice versa. However, we know that you will work with us as we try to put together a show which will be both entertaining and educational to the viewing public. **Be sure to put the dimensions of your tractor on the entry form.**

The big tractor tent will be 100 foot by 100 foot and located in a slightly different place. The small tent which has been located just north of the wheelwright will be gone and now showcase the big tractors of the 60's and 70's. A 40 foot by 100 foot tent will be on the new location to the west of the Pioneer building. In total, the

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tent space will be slightly less than in the past few years. The tractors in both of the main display areas will be lined up in rows running north and south instead of east and west. This will allow for easier entrance and exit, and should result in less gridlock when marshalling for the parades. We believe that this arrangement will accommodate more tractors in the same space.

We realize this will be a change from years past. We just ask for your indulgence. Knowing all of you, we are sure that you will give us your complete cooperation as we all work together to educate more and more people, who are farther and farther removed from the farm, about the history and folklore of Indiana agriculture.

A FEW HELPFUL RULES

For the Antique Tractor Show (including the Daily Parades)

1. **Your entry must be postmarked no later than July 1st.**
2. You are limited to 2 tractors per address. You may show them both or one for you and one for your spouse or child. The entry fee of \$30 is for each individual entrant, not the number of tractors. You will receive a book of six tickets and a parking permit. A limited number of additional books of tickets may be purchased at a cost of \$30 each.
3. Tractors must be a 1978 model or older. Garden tractors, homemade, or highly modified machines may not be entered. We prefer that any tractor newer than 1970 be a large one.
4. You may bring towed implements or wagons, but please no huge bulky ones. These tools will be parked in a separate area. If you have a mounted tool on your tractor, you will be parked outside the tent unless the total length is less than the average tractor.
5. Each driver must have a valid driver's license.
6. **Absolutely no passengers are allowed on the tractor in the Farmers Day Parade unless it contains a second seat.** Remember, **SAFETY FIRST**, at all times.
7. **PLEASE, NO TRACTORS PRIOR TO SATURDAY, AUGUST 2nd.** Bringing your tractor early will not guarantee you a special spot as the Tractor show staff reserve the right to assign all parking spots. Enter gate 10 off of 42nd Street.

Drive to the Pioneer Village area to unload. Remove your truck or trailer from the immediate area as soon as you are unloaded. If you intend to leave your truck or trailer at the Fairgrounds, you must take it to the 46th Street parking lot for safe storage. Be sure to have your tractor on the grounds by Tuesday evening, August 5th.

8. Check in with a member of the tractor show staff when you arrive to learn where you are to park your tractor.

9. At times it may be necessary for us to move your tractor, so be sure to leave a key and any special starting information with one of the staff. Only experienced drivers will be allowed to move any tractor.

10. You are encouraged to participate in the evening parade whenever possible. John Stegemoller and Tom Lyle are the parade marshals and will lead the parade. In order to keep the traffic problems and air pollution to a minimum, **do not start your tractor or move it out of your parking space until you are called.**

11. While on the parade route be especially watchful for children and pedestrians. **Please do not throw candy!** The crowding is fearsome and people just don't understand the danger of a clumsy old tractor. Keep the ranks closed in the parade. We have lots of tractors to get through in the short time allotted. This also helps to keep people from walking in front of your tractor.

12. Sunday, August 17th is expected to be one of the biggest crowds of the Fair. People who come that day are entitled to see the entire fair, so **no tractors may be removed prior to 9:00 P.M. on that day.** Park your truck in the Deaf School parking lot and load your tractors in that area. We will have a complete staff of people available on Monday after the Fair, so you may prefer to wait until then to take your tractor home.

13. Plan to participate in the Armed Forces and Veterans Parade at 6:30 P.M. on Sunday evening the 17th. This will be a fitting finale to the 2008 Great Indiana State Fair. All of us will be on hand to participate in the finale.

14. Several groups will have floats to be pulled in the Daily Parades. If you would like to pull one of them, please contact John Stegemoller as he will be handling the project.

15. It is mutually agreed that the Indiana State Fair assumes no liability for loss to property or by reason of any claim for personal injury, including death. The exhibitor herein agrees to release, discharge, and indemnify the Indiana State Fair, its component members, and their successors from liability by reason of injury to property and/or persons, including death, which may occur within or upon the premises herein described in any manner connected with use thereof by exhibitor.

ENTRY INFORMATION

The deadline for entry this year is July 1st. As in the past the entry fee is \$30.00 and may include up to 2 tractors per entry form. A maximum of 2 tractors will be accepted from any one address.

If an entry form is postmarked July 2nd through July 31st a late fee of \$50.00 (plus the \$30.00 entry fee) will be charged. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER July 31, 2008.

THE ANTIQUE TRACTOR GAMES

At the time of this writing, there are no plans for antique tractor games. One of the holdups is that we do not know whether the grandstand area will be available for them. If there is sufficient interest, we will try to put together some games some place. Please let us know of your interest and we will see what we can do.

THE PARTICIPATION PLAQUE

Once again we are presenting a beautiful plaque to a tractor exhibitor. A committee will determine the winner, based on the exhibitor's dedication to presenting their tractor in an attractive and explicit fashion and in keeping with the theme. In addition the committee will be looking for an individual or family who; embraces the spirit of the Pioneer Village, is active in the many activities of the organization and is a great representative of the agriculture profession.

The presentation will be made at the tractor exhibitor's hog roast on Saturday, August 16th.

TRACTOR SIGNAGE

We know that many of you save your signs that we prepare for you from year to year. If you are planning to exhibit the same tractor as you did last year and your sign is in good shape, please bring it with you. This will save us the expense of preparing a new one. Please indicate on your entry form if you can use the same sign as last year.

PIONEER VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, July 1

Tractor Entry Deadline

Thursday, July 31

Cutoff Date for Entries

Saturday thru Tuesday, August 2,3,4,5

Bring your tractor to the fairgrounds

August 6-10

Farm Toy Show

Wednesday, August 6, 5:00 P.M.

John and Mike's Chili Supper (Donation)

Friday, August 8, 5:00 P.M.

Phyllis Kingen's Cream Can Supper (Donation)

Sunday, August 10, 5:00 P.M.

Jim Bob's Sheep Roast (Donation)

Monday, August 11, 5:00 P.M.

Louis Turner's Hog Roast (Free)

Wednesday, August 13, 10:00 A.M.

Farmers Day Parade

National Championship Bean Supper (Donation)

Thursday, August 14

Old Time Farm Breakfast, 7:00 A.M. (Donation)

Sharon's Stone Soup Supper, 5:00 P.M. (Donation)

Friday, August 15

Auction Set Up

Saturday, August 16

Old Time Farm Auction, 10:00 A.M.

Tractor Exhibitors' Hog Roast, 5:00 P.M. (Donation)

Sunday, August 17

Veterans' Grand Finale Parade, 6:30 P.M.

Exhibits Close, 9:00 P.M.

Tractors Released, 9:00 P.M.

Monday & Tuesday, August 18 and 19

PUT EVERYTHING AWAY

Victory Luncheon